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LINKING OF RIVER GANGA WITH RIVER BRAHMAPUTRA
HARIBHAU MAHALE;MINATI SEN;RADHIKA RANJAN PRAMANIK

Will the Minister of SHIPPING be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to link river Ganga with river Brahmaputra to facilitate navigational links;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the States would be connected through the said river route?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV)

(a)&(b): Yes, Sir. The National Waterway No.1i.e. the Ganga from Allahabad to Haldia and National Waterway No.2 i.e. the Brahmaputra from Dhubri to Sadiya are already linked through the waterways in Sunderbans and the transit routes through Bangladesh, under Inland Water Transit and Trade Protocol between India & Bangladesh, which is renewed from time to time.

(c) The river route connects the states of Uttar Pradesh, Bihar, Jharkhand, West Bengal and Assam